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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **IDC CONDEMNS RACIAL ATTACKS ON ASIAN-AMERICANS IN U.S.A**

The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) joins with other organizations, agencies, groups, individuals and institutions locally and worldwide in unequivocal condemnation of targeted racial attacks, including intimidation, brutality, violence and deaths, directed against Asian-Americans and persons of Asian origin in the USA.

U.S. Congress Member Grace Meng (D-NY), First Vice-Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, announced on February 24, 2021, that she reintroduced her resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives that denounces the anti-Asian sentiment that has occurred in New York and across the nation since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. "Although the House passed my resolution five months ago, during the last session of Congress, we continue to see many despicable and disgusting acts of hate and violence being committed against Asian Americans," said Meng.



Congress Member Meng's statement continues: "In light of the recent dramatic increase of anti-Asian hate incidents across our country, we all must coalesce and renew our efforts to condemn all manifestations of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, and anti-Asian sentiment and scapegoating, which is why I have reintroduced my resolution in the new Congress. It is also critical for the new Congress ... to take a strong stand against this prejudice and bigotry as well. Over the past year, there have been some 3,000 reported incidents of anti-Asian hate crimes including a recent rise in assaults against elderly Asian Americans. ... past rhetoric and use of disparaging terms such as 'Chinese virus' and 'Kung-flu' continues to heighten people's fears of COVID-19, and fuel everything from verbal assaults to physical attacks towards those of Asian descent. We must denounce any and all anti-Asian sentiment of any form, and stand against the sickening intolerance and violence that is leaving a terrible stain on our nation's history, especially during this moment of an unprecedented public health crisis".

[Stop AAPI Hate](#) organization said the incident shows that more needs to be done to protect Asian Americans. "The reported shootings of multiple Asian American women today in Atlanta is an unspeakable tragedy — for the families of the victims first and foremost, but also for the Asian American community, which has been reeling from high levels of racist attacks over the course of the past year," it said. "This latest attack will only exacerbate the fear and pain that the Asian American community continues to endure."

**IDC** considers these despicable and reprehensible acts as unjustified criminal actions targeted against persons because of their race and ethnic origin. **IDC** joins with community organizations and agencies in support of quick condemnation and community solidarity for justice and prevention of similar racial violence. We share the pain and anguish of our brethren and sisters of Asian origin in the USA and globally, and we extend our support and prayers for the families of those who lost their lives as well as those injured in the recent attacks in Atlanta and elsewhere.

**IDC** encourages many more officials, organizations and institutions nationally in the USA and globally to express condemnation of these criminal actions directed against Asian-Americans and persons of Asian origin in the USA. We urge all efforts to prevent similar attacks in the future and support a national dialogue at local and national levels to resolve conflicts, misinformation and misplaced perceptions which can lead to such tragedies. We share in the belief that such callous and uncivilized crimes perpetrated against innocent people cannot diminish people's desire and courage of people to live peacefully with dignity and their hard won freedoms and rights.

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*